DONNG DONNG DONNG

I think I pulled an 80 in reading!

I choked hard on the math test.

SO HOW ARE THE EXAMS LOOKING FOR THE FIRST-YEARS?

FIRST-YEAR CLASS COMPLETED MIDTERM EXAMS

CLONK CLONK CLONK

MISSION 27

CLONK

THAT'S EXACTLY HOW THEY SHOULD BE.

THE QUESTIONS MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LITTLE TOUGH THIS YEAR.

JUST FROM GLANCING AT THEM, NOT GREAT.

TO SELL EVEN A SINGLE POINT WOULD BE A DISGRACE TO OUR COUNTRY.

THE STUDENTS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS SCHOOL WILL ONE DAY BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS NATION.

KACHUNG

IT'S TIME THEY LEARNED THE CURRENT HEADMASTER CAN'T BE BOUGHT.

BEEP BOOP BOP BOOP

THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF PARENTS IN THIS YEAR'S CROP WHO THINK THEY'RE BUYING GOOD GRADES WITH THEIR "DONATIONS."

7th STORAGE

KA

TH

NK

AND THEY ARE TO BE KEPT UNDER STRICT GUARD UNTIL GRADING IS COMPLETE!

THESE COMPLETED TESTS ARE DOCUMENTS THAT WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION.

SPY×FAMILY

MISSION 27

RRM

TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, I AM CURRENTLY EXECUTING OPERATION STRIX.

MY NAME IS TWILIGHT.

TONITRUS BOLTS ARE BEING METED OUT FOR THIS MIDTERM EXAM...

BUT STORM CLOUDS ARE GATHERING AROUND OUR MISSION.

NO, I KNOW IT.

...AND I FEAR LIGHTNING IS ABOUT TO STRIKE...

*RECEIVING EIGHT TONITRUS BOLTS RESULTS IN EXPULSION.

I think I got this!

WEE HEE!

ANYA HAS FAILED HER EXAMS!

I'm sure of it.

SO THIS TIME, I'M TAKING A MORE RELIABLE AND DIRECT APPROACH...

NGH!

WOOSH

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON TRICKERY. THE ENTRANCE EXAM TAUGHT US THAT MEMORIZING ANSWERS IN AD-VANCE IS TOO RISKY.

THP

I HAVE TO ALTER HER ANSWERS BEFORE THEY GRADE HER TEST!

THP

THP

THP

THP

THE TESTS ARE BEING STORED WITH OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND ARE TIGHTLY SECURED IN THE SCHOOL VAULT. GETTING IN WILL TAKE SOME DOING.

AND OF COURSE, I CAN'T USE ANY METHODS THAT COULD LATER RAISE SUSPICIONS AT THE SCHOOL.

GOOD AFTERNOON, PROFESSOR.

MM.

BUT SCHOOL SECURITY IS NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT EASY.

THIS INFILTRATION NEEDS TO BE FLAWLESS, LEAVING NO TRACE WHATSOEVER.

HM?

WHO THE HECK IS THAT?

HE'S NOT PART OF THE FACULTY, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE HIM ON THE STAFF.

PEEK

NOT TO MEN-TION ...

HE COULD NOT BE ACTING MORE SUSPI-CIOUSLY IF HE TRIED...

DASH

FWIP FWIP

TMP

HEH

MY NAME IS DAYBREAK. WELL, MY SECRET CODE NAME IS, ANYWAY!

AND I'M AN ELITE SPY EMPLOYED BY A CERTAIN CLIENT.

SO I NAMED MYSELF "DAYBREAK" IN ANTICIPATION OF THE DAY HE AND I WOULD MATCH WITS. THE DAYBREAK OF THE EAST BRINGING AN END TO THE TWILIGHT OF THE WEST, IF YOU WILL. WE'LL SEE WHO THE TRUE MASTER SPY IS!

THEY SAY THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN INFILTRATED BY A MASTER SPY NAMED "TWILIGHT" WHO WORKS FOR THE WEST.

WHAT'S THAT, YOU ASK? HOW'D I GET MY CODE NAME?

TODAY'S MISSION IS TO CHANGE SOME MIDTERM TEST ANSWERS.

WHAT A WASTE OF MY TALENTS, AM I RIGHT?

HE'S HEADED TO THE NORTH HALL. THAT'S WHERE THE VAULT IS... COULD HE BE ATTEMPTING THE SAME THING I AM?

POSE!

ROLL

ROLL

ROLL

Why all the meaningless theatrics...?

POSE!

ROLL

ROLL

ROLL

THIS IS MY FIRST REAL MISSION.

SO GET READY TO WITNESS... THE BIRTH OF A LEGEND!

THIS IS NOT GOOD. IF HE MESSES THIS UP, IT COULD BLOW BACK ON ME.

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE, BUT...THIS MAN MAY BE IN MY LINE OF WORK.

NO, YOU IDIOT! YOU CAN'T GO THAT WAY AT THIS TIME OF—

ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

THE SCHOOL'S SECURITY PATROL?!

Oh no!

URK

FREEZE

!!

AND LEMME TELL YA, THAT TEACHER WAS CUTE AS HECK.

NORTH AREA
ORATORY BLOCK
LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!
TMP
TMP
NORTH AREA
ORATORY BLOCK
SHE'S WAY OUTTA YOUR LEAGUE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT WAS, BUT IT ACTUALLY WORKED!
Maybe camouflage...?
Impressive!
THAT WORKED ?!
PERHAPS I COULD SNEAK UP ON HIM WHILE HE'S FOCUSED ON PICKING THE LOCK...
DAMMIT, NOW WHAT? IF HE'S GOING TO BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO MY MISSION, I SHOULD PROBABLY REMOVE HIM BEFORE HE CAN ENTER THE BUILDING.
Hm ?
It's locked.
RATTLE RATTLE
Such strength! Such nerve!
STOMP
DOES THIS MAN POSSESS AN ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN PERCEPTION? IS HE SOME KIND OF ESOTERIC SPY-CRAFT MASTER?!
Eww

CLAK

I'm in!

WAS I WRONG? IF HE'S NOT A SPY, THEN A BURGLAR? BUT THAT'S FOOLISH EVEN FOR A BURGLAR!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN SOMEONE NOTICES?!

WHAAAAAT?!

KRAK

HMPH!

PLOP

LET'S MAKE IT LOOK LIKE THE SOCCER CLUB WENT A LITTLE OVERBOARD DURING THEIR EVENING PRACTICE SESSION.

Sorry, soccer club!

EVIDENCE OF A BREAK-IN COULD LEAD TO MY ALTERATIONS BEING DISCOVERED.

THUMP THUMP

NORTH HALL, NORTH HALL...

?

URK...

EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I WOULDN'T DARE START A FIGHT WITH SOMEONE I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. WHAT IS THIS MAN'S OBJECTIVE?

JUST BLITHELY STOMPING HIS WAY THROUGH THE BUILDING!...

Have you never heard of "stealth"?

NOW WHAT? THERE'S NO OTHER WAY IN!

BONK

HUH?

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY I'M GETTING IN IS IF THAT GUY OPENS THE DOOR FOR ME.

NOBODY SAID NOTHIN' ABOUT THERE BEING A GUY IN THERE!

W-W-WHA-?!

OH YEAH... ABOUT THAT...

Uhh...

HEY! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

CRASH

CLATTER

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY I.D., I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

YOU REMEMBER ME, RIGHT? I'M THAT GUY!

The famous one!

COME ON, IT'S ME! YOU KNOW, FROM, UH... INFORMATION SCIENCES!

...

UH, I.D., HUH? RIGHT...

PAT

PAT

THE VAULT? YOU'RE ON THE FACULTY? I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL NEED TO SEE SOME I.D.

I JUST HAVE A LITTLE BUSINESS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT DOOR...

?

TMP

EX-CUSE ME...

I'M CALLING THE POLICE.

JUST LET ME IN FOR A LITTLE BIT, OKAY?

AW, DON'T BE LIKE THAT!

Information Sciences... Information Sciences...

URGH ...

OH NO... THE POLICE WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE THINGS FURTHER!

IT'S A GOOD THING I BROUGHT SPARE I.D.'S FROM EVERY ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT!

I FOUND THIS ON THE GROUND OVER THERE. MIGHT THIS BELONG TO YOU?

Heh heh. Thanks, dude.

No trouble.

OH YEAH, RIGHT. GUESS I MUSTA DROPPED THAT SOME-WHERE.

HM ...?

DIDN'T YOU DROP *THIS I.D.* THAT YOU NEED TO GET *INSIDE THE VAULT?*

!

YOU'RE MR. BROWN, AREN'T YOU? THE NEWLY HIRED PROFESSOR?

AHEM!

HUH? NO, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT-

TADAA

AAH

...HAVE THE DETAILS OF HIS MISSION WRITTEN ON HIS HAND?!

DOES THIS MORON ...

I NEED TO MAKE SOME EDITS TO ONE OF MY ARCHIVED RESEARCH PAPERS.

YEAH, SAME DEAL HERE!

MR. VIEHMANN FROM THE PHYSICS DEPART-MENT?

OKAY, SO WE HAVE MR. BROWN AND...

COULD THIS BE A TRAP? SOME SORT OF BIZARRE REVERSE SETUP?!

IS THIS SOME SORT OF JOKE?

OKAY, COME ON IN.

KCHK

I WAS ABLE TO READ "CHANGE THE TEST ANSWERS FOR STUDENTS 68133071 AND 61133229" OFF OF HIS HAND.

MOST STRIKINGLY, THOSE PARTICULAR STUDENT REGISTRATION NUMBERS...

THANKS FOR THE SAVE!

I GUESS WE REALLY ARE IN THE SAME LINE OF WORK.

DON'T TELL ME THIS MAN WAS HIRED BY...

...BELONG TO THE DESMOND BROTHERS.

I COPIED DOWN THE PASS CODE NUMBER FOR NUMBER. GOT ALL MY BASES COVERED!

BEEP BEEP BOOP

THIS IS IT, RIGHT? VAULT 7.

NO, I SHOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS. I NEED TO KNOW MORE.

BEEP BOP BOOP

OK

KLICK

2 3 5 8 9

BEEP BOP BOOP

Later, dude.

I'M GONNA GO TAKE A LEAK. YOU GO ON AHEAD.

HUH ...?

WRONG

1 2 3

BZZZZZT

BEEP BOOP BOOP

BZZZZZT

DON'T TELL ME I COPIED IT DOWN WRONG?!

WHIRR

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME WE BUILT OPERATION STRIX AROUND A MAN SO SLOPPY HE'D HIRE A MORON LIKE THIS!

THERE'S NO BATHROOM IN THIS ENTIRE BUILDING.

...

...

BWA HA

THANKS FOR THE HELP, MORON!

Let's do it in here so the guard doesn't see.

GONNA NEED YA TO TAKE A LITTLE NAP FOR ME.

BAM

DRAG DRAG

AW, MAN, THE BOXES ARE LOCKED TOO?!

PROBABLY SAFEST TO JUST LIE HERE UNTIL HE'S GONE, AND THEN GET TO WORK.

KRK KRK

EVEN HIS ATTACKS ARE SLOPPY.

LET'S SEE, FIRST-YEAR TEST ANSWERS ...

RSTL RSTL

HURRY UP!

Sheesh

NGH!

DAMMIT! IT WON'T OPEN!

CHAK CHAK CHAKA

BAM! MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED! ☆

Damian Desmond

PORK FOR DINNER? NO, I THINK I'M GRABBIN' A STEAK ON THE WAY HOME TONIGHT!

And what's this about me ...?

IF YOU'RE DONE, THEN SHUT UP AND GO!

I MAY WELL HAVE ALREADY SURPASSED TWILIGHT HIMSELF.

Sorry, Twilight.

I did it!

Nailed it!

PERFECTION! I TREMBLE AT MY OWN GENIUS!

I GUESS NO ONE WILL EVER REALLY KNOW WHO I AM.

NO... NOT IN THE PAPERS. I AM A SPY, AFTER ALL.

I MIGHT EVEN GET MY NAME IN THE PAPERS!

WHEN PEOPLE HEAR WHAT I'VE PULLED OFF, I'LL HAVE MORE CLIENTS THAN I'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH!

I KNOW ...!

WHAT?!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! A SPY LEAVES NO TRACE BEHIND!

Great idea!

I'LL JUST SIGN MY NAME ON THE DOCTORED TESTS! "COURTESY OF AGENT DAYBREAK"!

That's branding!

HUH?

OH...

AM I GOING TO NEED TO KILL HIM?!

I WON'T SAY A WORD, I PROMISE! SPARE ME, PLEASE!

UH... S-SORRY... I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, I SWEAR.

RM

AND NOW I MIGHT HAVE PUT THE REAL MR. VIEH-MANN'S LIFE IN DANGER...!

So you're awake, huh?

YOU ...

RM

RM

NOW I'VE DONE IT. I JUST COULDN'T HOLD IT IN ANY LONGER!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DUDE?

RM

RM

THE WORLD NEEDS TO KNOW OF MY DEEDS!

BAAM!!!

YOU BETTER TELL EVERY-ONE!

I'M A SUPERTALENTED, SUPERCOOL SPY WHO JUST ESPIONAGED THE CRAP OUTTA THIS PLACE LIKE IT WAS NO BIG DEAL! YOU TELL EVERY-ONE ABOUT THIS, AND YOU MAKE IT SOUND GOOD! SPICE IT UP A LITTLE IF YOU WANT!

Like maybe have me go through walls or catch a bullet between two fingers...

LISTEN! MY NAME IS DAYBREAK!

WHAT ...?

Ah ha ha ha!

ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

ANYWAY, MAKE ME SOUND GOOD, DUDE! ADIOS!

OH, BUT NO DETAILS ABOUT THE MISSION. THOSE ARE SECRET—YOU GET THAT, RIGHT?

NO... THEY'RE NOT.

INTERESTING...

ARE THE DESMONDS' GRADES REALLY SO BAD THAT THEY NEEDED TO RESORT TO THAT...?

FLIP

NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT THIS WAS ACTUALLY ALL ABOUT.

COULD IT BE THE CLIENT IS ONE OF DONOVAN'S BUSINESS OR POLITICAL RIVALS...?

Damian Desmond

HE WASN'T FIXING THEM. HE WAS CHANGING THE ANSWERS SO THEY'D GET FAILING SCORES.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT ANYA'S TEST.

ANYA, ANYA...

FLIP FLIP FLIP

HERE IT IS.

AND IN STARK CON-TRAST ...

ESPE-CIALLY THE OLDER ONE. HE BARELY GOT A SINGLE QUESTION WRONG.

BOTH OF THE DES-MONDS SEEM TO BE EXCEP-TIONAL STU-DENTS.

All done!

I'D BETTER REVERT THESE BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL ANSWERS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF SCHEME THIS IS, BUT THOSE BOYS GETTING EX-PELLED WOULD BE THE END OF OPERATION STRIX.

THIS IS NOT HOW I'D HOPED TO SPEND MY EVENING.

IF I JUST TRACE OVER THE ORIGINAL HAND-WRITING...

I CAN STILL MAKE OUT WHAT HE ERASED.

...

THIS IS...

DONNG

FIVE DAYS LATER

LET'S GO SEE!

THEY POSTED THE MIDTERM RESULTS OUT IN THE QUAD!

YOU GOT A 94 IN HISTORY! YOU'RE ONE OF THE TOP TWO!

THERE! YOU'RE 11TH IN THE CLASS!

11 DAM

1'SOPH

LAS

100!

...

LET'S FIND YOUR RANKING, BOSS MAN...

CHATTER

CHATTER

So cool!

YOU'RE GONNA GET A STELLA STAR, DAMIAN!

EXCEPTIONAL WORK, BOSS MAN!

PROBABLY BE QUICKER TO COUNT FROM THE BOTTOM.

Pfft

I DON'T SEE YOUR NAME, ANYA. WHERE'D YOU LAND?

BLECH... I'M 46TH. WELL, THAT'S STILL PRETTY HIGH.

THE TRUTH IS, I ALREADY KNOW HOW I DID ON THE TEST...

HEH.

...BECAUSE I READ PAPA'S MIND AND LEARNED THAT HE SAW MY SCORE AT SCHOOL.

OH! THERE'S YOUR NAME, ANYA!

212 JOINT LAUNCH

213 ANYA FORGER

DROOP

TWO HUN-DRED... AND...

...THIR-TEENTH.

(Out of 228 students.)

WELL... AT LEAST IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU FAILED IN ANY ONE SUBJECT.

Let's go.

Don't laugh...

...

B-BUT DON'T FEEL BAD, ANYA! I KNOW YOU'LL KILL IT NEXT TIME!

I DIDN'T FAIL A SINGLE TEST!

SPARKLE

THAT'S RIGHT!

Heh heh!

I love how you always look on the bright side, Anya!

Heh heh

That low and she's beaming about it...

HEH HEH HEH.

NICE WORK. I'M PROUD OF YOU.

AND BECAUSE OF ME, PAPA'S MISSION LIVES TO SEE ANOTHER DAY!

PAPA! I DID GREAT ON THE TEST!

CHAK

GLOOM

HOW CAN YOU BE SO PROUD OF YOURSELF WHEN YOU NEARLY FAILED IN EVERY SINGLE SUBJECT?

...

WONDERFUL JOB, ANYA! WHEN YOU ADD THE SCORES TOGETHER, IT'S OVER 100 POINTS!

I'LL NEED TO GET STRICTER WITH HER IN ADVANCE OF HER FINAL EXAMS.

GASP But...I thought...

MAYBE I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

HER EFFORTS HAVE KEPT THE OPER-ATION ALIVE, IF ONLY BARELY.

!

AN IMPRESSIVE RESULT BY HER STANDARDS, I SUPPOSE.

I MUST ADMIT THAT I EXPECTED HER TO FAIL IN AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT.

WELL, THAT SAID...

HEH HEH.

GASP

STELLA STARS TILL IMPERIAL SCHOLAR: 7
TONITRUS BOLTS TILL EXPULSION: 7
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: +5

WE'LL SEE IF YOU'RE STILL SMIRKING AFTER TONIGHT'S STUDY SESSION!

WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING ABOUT? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THINKING ABOUT YOUR POOR SCORES.

BUT... BUT MY LEGEND HAS ONLY JUST BEEN BORN!

BEEE-BEEEP

YOU'RE FIRING ME?! HOLD ON JUST A-

WHAT?! I DIDN'T FAIL AT MY MISSION! I DID EXACTLY-

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